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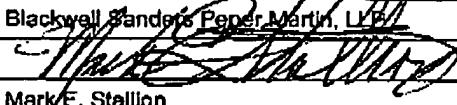
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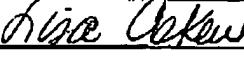
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein responsive to the Ex Parte Quayle action.

INTRODUCTION

The Examiner issued an Ex Parte Quayle action noting that the Abstract was to long and further noted two typographical errors. The application has been amended herein to correct these errors. The applicant respectfully asserts that the claims are in condition for allowance. Please enter the amendments as indicated herein.